

SOCIETY.

Warts Meeting.

The Warts meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Warts, on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of a social hour, followed by a business session. The Warts family is well known in the community.

Club Events.

The Warts Club will hold a meeting on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, at 8 o'clock. The program will include a social hour and a business session. The club is active in community work.

Baronet Biscuit.

The Baronet Biscuit is a popular choice for many. It is round, thin, and tender, with a delightful flavor. It is appropriate for lunch, tea, and dinner. Buy biscuit baked by NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY.

Change Meeting Place.

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PERSONAL.

Solomon Theatre today.

The Solomon Theatre today presents "The Master Key," two acts. "Amputation," two acts. "Within the Gates of Paradise," two acts. "The Fatal Hour," comedy. A great bill, 5 and 10c—Adv.

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THE MILL REMNANT SALE

at The E. Dunn Store

Offers the following items among the hundreds of others, at prices, which you will note, are mercilessly cut. It will pay you to lay in a year's supply

At These Prices:

Clark's O. N. T. Thread Clark's spool cotton, the best six cord thread, 200 yard spools, Mill Remnant Sale, 3 spools for.... 10c	Mill's Muslin Mill's Muslin, best quality bleached sheeting, full 36 in. wide, regularly sold at 10c yard; Mill Remnant Sale— Sale—15 yards for \$1.00	Brown Sheeting Brown Sheeting, 38 inches wide, in a smooth woven fab- ric, good weight, regularly sells at 7c yard, Mill Remnant Sale, yard.... 4c	Tapestry Rugs Good quality Tapestry Rugs, 9 wire, and 9x12 in size, in pretty patterns, sells regular- ly for \$15—Mill Remnant sale... \$11.95
Staple Apron Gingham Mill Remnant lengths of Lan- caster and Amoskeg Ging- hams in all the different checks and colorings, sell regu- larly at 8c yard—Mill Remnant sale, yd. 5c	Shirt Waists White Laxen Waists in four beautiful styles, the greatest values ever offered in this city. Waists which retail the country over at \$1.00; Mill Remnant Sale.... 59c	Trimmed Hats 100 Trimmed Hats, the great- est bargain in millinery ever offered in Connellsville. Hats that have sold regularly \$5 to \$8—Mill Remnant Sale..... \$1.95	Tapestry Carpet 10 wire Tapestry Carpet, in handsome room and hall pat- terns, sells regularly at \$1.10 yard, made, laid and lined in Mill Remnant Sale, yard 85c
One-Half Price Your choice of all women's and misses' fall and winter suits at ONE-HALF PRICE	One-Half Price Your choice of all chil- dren's coats for ages 2 to 6 years at ONE-HALF PRICE	One-Half Price Lot of handkerchiefs slightly soiled and mused in Christmas sale at ONE-HALF PRICE	One-Half Price Lot of fancy articles, party bags, work boxes, sewing boxes, fine trays at ONE-HALF PRICE
Shirt Waists High grade shirt waists, the kind that's sold everywhere at \$1.95, fine material, elegantly trimmed with dainty laces and fine embroideries— Mill Remnant Sale..... \$1.00	Standard Prints American and Simpson's best prints, indigos, grays, black and whites, pinks and shirt- ings, regularly sells at 7c yd. Mill Remnant sale, yard 5c	Fast Color Percales Percales in absolutely fast colors, 36 inches wide, in light and dark colors, in re- mant lengths 10 to 20 yards, regularly sells for 9c yard— Mill Remnant sale, yard 6 1/2c	Shirt Waists Beautiful white waists of lawn, voile and madras, won- derful values which retail the country over at \$1.25; Mill Remnant sale..... 75c
Mohawk Sheets Mohawk Sheets, best quality, 81x99 (note the size) which sells regularly at \$1.00—Mill Remnant Sale..... 75c	Sheets and Pillow Cases Hemmed Sheets 72x90, made with seam, sells regularly 45c —Mill Remnant Sale..... 29c	Fancy Outings Fine quality Outing Flannel in a handsome line of color- ings and fine quality—Mill remnants of 10 to 20 yards, sell regularly at 10c yard— Mill Remnant sale, yard 8c	Huck Towels Huck Towels, 17x38, splendid seconds of a good quality with white and colored borders, Mill lot which regularly sell at 10c each—Mill Rem- nant sale, each..... 7c
Pillow cases to match, Mill Remnant sale.... 18c	Pillow cases to match, Mill Remnant sale.... 9c		
Best Percales Made Full Standard Percales, 36 in. wide, in fine assortment of light and dark colorings, the quality that regularly retails at 12 1/2c yd. Mill Rem- nant sale, yd. 9 1/2c	Muslin Gowns Muslin Gowns of fair quality —slip over style, short sleeves, full size, at a less price than ever before offer- ed—Mill Remnant sale..... 25c	Bleached Crash Bleached Linen Finish Crash made in Ireland, 16 inches wide, blue and red borders, regularly sell at 7c yard— Mill Remnant sale, yard 4c	27-inch Chambrays Chambrays, 27 inches wide in Mill Remnants of 10 to 20 yds., good quality in all the wanted colors, sells regularly at 10c yd; Mill Rem- nant sale, yard..... 5c
One-Fourth Off on all women's, misses' and children's furs, splendid line to select from at ONE-FOURTH OFF	One-Fourth Off on all women's and misses' silk and woolen dresses, beau- tiful styles to choose from at ONE-FOURTH OFF	One-Fourth Off on all women's and misses' silk and woolen dress skirts, all styles and materials at ONE-FOURTH OFF	One-Fourth Off on all infants' white and col- ored bonnets, most beautiful styles to select from at ONE-FOURTH OFF
House Dresses A clean-up of odd lots of \$12, \$15 and \$18 dresses, the greatest value we've ever offer- ed. It will pay you to buy a year's supply at the low price—Mill Rem- nant sale..... \$1.00	Turkish Towels Extra heavy weight Turkish Towels, size 22x45, very closely woven, white and colored borders, sell regularly at 25c each. Mill Remnant Sale (5 for \$1) or each..... 23c	Dress Gingham Elegant quality Dress Ging- ham, 32 inches wide, a beau- tiful line of stripes and checks, a great bargain, sells regularly at yard 15c—Mill Remnant Sale..... 10c	Defender Sheets Defender sheets, made by the Utica Mills, splendid quality muslin in size 81x90, free from all dressing, sells regu- larly at 75c—Mill Remnant Sale..... 55c
Silk Ribbons extraordinary offering of all silk ribbons, from 5 to 6 in. wide, Moires, taffetas, Dres- dens and Satin Taffetas, in all colors, that sell from 25c to 29c yard—Mill Rem- nant sale, yard..... 15c	Brown Sheeting The well known "Norwood" brand sheeting in 9-4 width, a splendid sheeting, one that bleaches nicely, sells regular- ly at 25c yard—Mill Remnant sale..... 19c	Bleached Sheeting Bleached Sheeting, full 9-4 in. width, the celebrated "Nor- wood" make, a very smooth cotton, sells regularly at 27c yard, Mill Remnant sale, yard 22c	German Blankets Fine quality German Blank- ets, with embroidered edges, sold singly, very soft, fleecy quality and full 11-1/2 size, sells regularly at \$1.50; Mill Remnant sale..... 89c

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SPECIAL

Granite Dish Pan

for

25c

Regular value 45c

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147-151 W. Main St.

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MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 4, 1915.

TO THE EDITOR:
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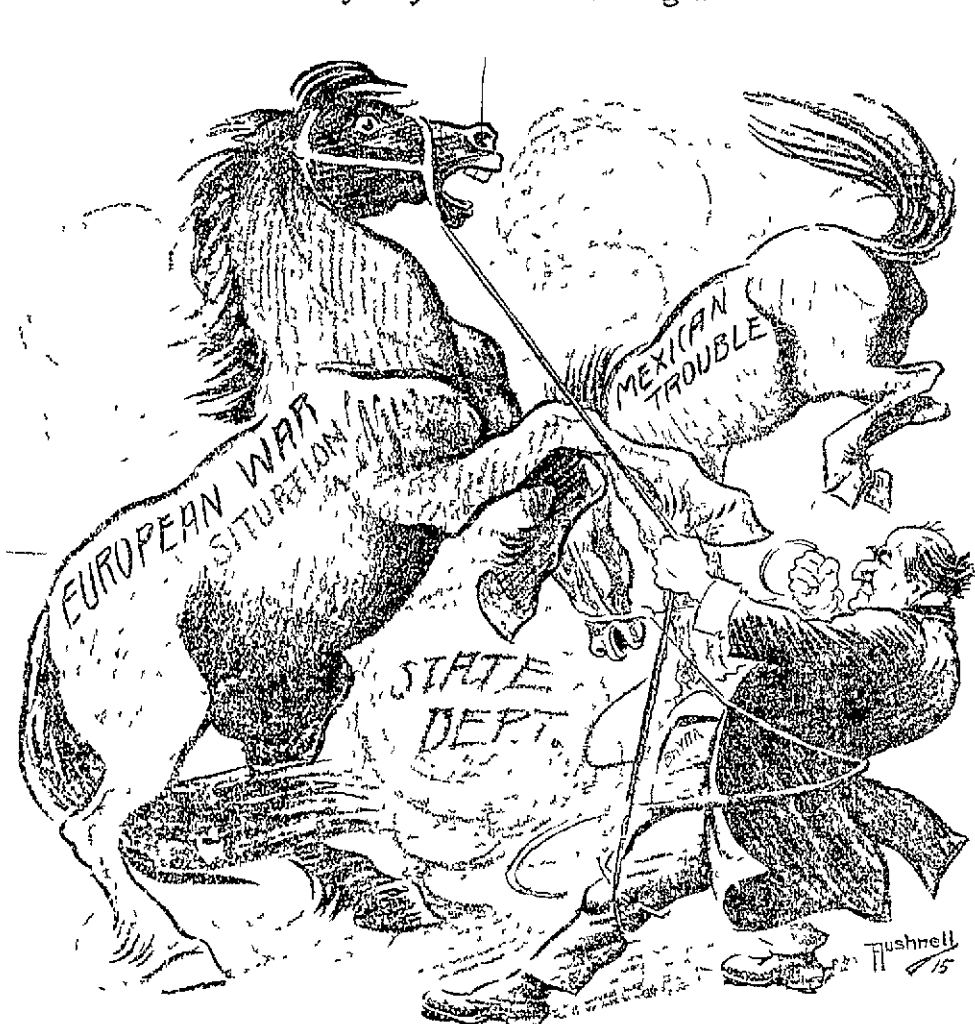
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Why Bryan Won't Resign.



Looking Backward.

Now, after the war, we are looking backward. We are looking at the things that we have done, and we are looking at the things that we have not done. We are looking at the things that we have done, and we are looking at the things that we have not done. We are looking at the things that we have done, and we are looking at the things that we have not done.

POLITICIAN EMBARRASSED

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION

Month	Circulation
January	102,127
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March	102,127
April	102,127
May	102,127
June	102,127
July	102,127
August	102,127
September	102,127
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November	102,127
December	102,127
Total	1,225,524

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

One Cent a Word. No advertisement for less than one cent a word. No advertisement for less than one cent a word. No advertisement for less than one cent a word. No advertisement for less than one cent a word. No advertisement for less than one cent a word.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Our alter inventory clearance sale will be continued this week, and will give all our customers an opportunity to save money on their purchases of seasonable merchandise. Winter is not half over, January and February are the coldest months of the year and winter clothing will be needed for several months. We are selling men's suits and overcoats, women's and children's wraps at greatly reduced prices much less than their actual value and many of these at less than cost. Then there are other seasonable lines such as shoes, bed clothing underwear furniture etc., which have been reduced to a point that will insure their immediate sale. This is a true bargain time at all the Union Supply Company's stores, a great big reduction sale that will pay everyone to attend.

Union Supply Company

63 Large Department Stores, Located in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.

A \$3

SHOE BARGAIN FOR WOMEN

For the next five days we are going to sell The Best Wearing, The Best Fitting, The Snappiest and Most Stylish and Best Looking Women's Shoes ever sold by any store in Conneltsville for \$3.00.

PATENT AND PLAIN LEATHERS. PLAIN TOE AND TIP TOES. CLOTH TOPS AND HID TOPS.

HOOVER & LONG

The Store With a Reputation for Good Footwear

REGAL

A SHAPELY TOE. A LUXURIOUS OCCASION.

The Dresden \$4.00

For shopping, for calling, for afternoon teas, for receptions, for theatre or opera. We have a Women's Regal that fits the foot and beautifies the occasion. Graciously in line choice in material and soothing in comfort.

REGAL SHOE STORE CROWLEY-MESTREZAT CO.

130 N. PITTSBURG ST. - CONNELLSVILLE, PA.



Don't Take It For Granted

that just because you are in business everybody is aware of the fact. Your goods may be the finest in the market but they will remain on your shelves unless the people are told about them.

ADVERTISE

If you want to move your merchandise. Reach the buyers in their homes through the columns of THIS PAPER and every dollar expended you'll reap a handsome dividend.

MY GOODNESS, DUDELE PETEY, HOW WELL YOU ARE LOOKING SINCE YOU STOPPED SMOKING.

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DO YOU KNOW PETEY DEAR, YOU ARE LOOKING MUCH BETTER SINCE YOU STOPPED SMOKING!

YEAH?

MR. DINK, YOU BANE LOOKING FINE LATELY, DOT SMOKING BUSINESS YAS NO GOOD

AW!

HOLY SMOKE! PETE! - WHAT'S THE MATTER, ARE YOU SICK OR SOMETHING? - YOU LOOK LIKE THE DICKENS!

PUT ER THERE IRA - YOU'RE AN HONEST MAN -

A. M. BLO.

Dark Hollow

By Anna Katharine Green
Illustrations by C. D. Rhodes
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Mr. Black recalled the aspect of the gully, and decided that Mr. Sloan was right. There could be but one end to this adventure. Oliver would be caught in a snare of his own making, and the judge's cup of sorrow and humiliation would be full. He felt the shame of it himself, also the folly of his own methods and of the part he had allowed Reuther to play. Beckoning to his host to follow him, he turned toward the house.

"Don't mention your fears to the young lad," said he. "At least, not till we are well past the gully."

"I shan't mention anything. Don't you be afraid of that."

And with a strenuous effort difficult for him, they crossed a narrow, clear-cut, and happily entered the house.

It was not until they were well upon the road back that Reuther ventured to speak of Oliver. "He was riding a far from the edge of the precipice as possible. In descent it looked very formidable to her imagination of eyes."

"This is a dangerous road for a man to ride bareback," she remarked. "I'm terrified when I think of it. Mr. Black, who did he go off with so suddenly? Is there a trail he is anxious to reach? Mr. Sloan, is there a trail?"

"Yes, miss, there is a trail." "Which he can get on riding faster?" "Yes, he is a good rider."

"Then he is a good rider." Yet her anxious glance went over and again to the gully, toward which she now unconsciously turned her own horse.

"A half a mile further down, then a quick turn and Mr. Sloan, who had ridden on before them, came galloping back."

"Mr. Sloan, happened to meet the gully?" "What?" he asked. "Have the boys been there? Have the boys been there?"

"No, not that only his horse. The gully is a good rider, and the boys are a good rider, and the boys are a good rider."

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"Where horse is this?" came in peremptory demand from the other man, with a nod toward the animal which could now be seen lily grazing by the wayside. "And how came it on the road alone?"

"We can only give you these facts," rejoined the lawyer. "It came from Tempest Lodge. It started out ahead of us with the gentleman we had gone to visit on its back. We did not pass the gentleman on the road, and it had not on its back, nor had it have left the road somewhere on foot. He did not go back to the lodge."

"Mr. Black—"

"I am telling you the absolute truth. Make what you will of it. His father desired him home, and sent a messenger. This messenger this young lady undertook to deliver, and she did deliver it with the consequences I have mentioned. If you doubt me take your ride. It is not an easy one, and the only man remaining at the lodge is dead as a post."

"Mr. Black has told the whole story," averred the guide.

"They looked at Reuther. 'I have nothing to add,' said she. 'I have been terrified lest the gentleman you wish to see was thrown from the horse's back over the precipice. But perhaps he found some way of getting down on foot. He is a very strong and daring man.'"

"The tree?" ejaculated the detective. "He was from a neighboring locality and remembered his own natural ladder up the side of the gully."

"Yes, the tree," acknowledged Mr. Sloan. "That, or a fall, let us hope it was not a fall."

As he crossed a long screech from an approaching locomotive upon the shadows of the forest. It was answered by another from the opposite direction. Both trains were on time. The relief it by Reuther could not be concealed. The detective noticed it.

"The waiting time here," said he. "Excuse me, Mr. Black, if I push on ahead of you. If we don't meet at the station, we shall meet in Shelby."

Mr. Black's mouth twisted grimly. He had no doubt of the latter fact.

Next minute they were all entering in the one direction, the detective very much in the advance.

"Let me go with you to the station," entreated Reuther, as Mr. Black held up his arms to lift her from her horse at the door of the hotel.

But his refusal was peremptory. "I'll be back in just five minutes," said he. And without waiting for a second he was gone.

"The train south?"

"Yes, and the train north. They pass here."

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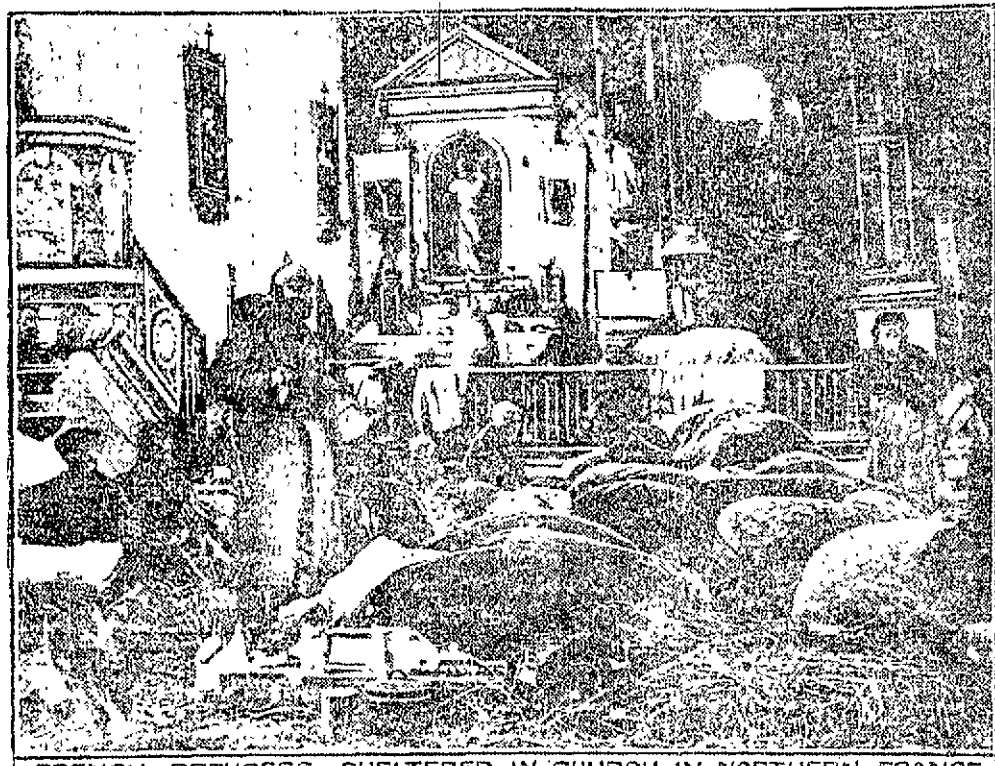
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Churches in Northern France Turned Into Homes for Refugees and Hospitals



FRENCH REFUGEES SHELTERED IN CHURCH IN NORTHERN FRANCE

French people rendered homeless by the German occupation of northern France are here seen as refugees in a church under the care of German soldiers. Many holy edifices in that part of France have been turned into refuge places and into hospitals. In this picture the windows of the church are the only people may be seen, indicating all they have left in the world. Their homes were destroyed by war.

"I am afraid he never will hear from Oliver. The boy gave us the tip in the most remarkable manner. I will tell you when we get inside."

When she had heard him through, she looked about the room they were in, with a lingering, abstracted gaze he hardly understood till he saw it all with an indescribable aspect of sorrow upon a picture which had lately been found and rehung upon the wall. It was a portrait of Oliver's mother.

"I am disappointed," she murmured in bitter reproach to herself. "I did not expect Oliver to clear himself, but I did expect him to meet his father. If only for his father's sake. What am I to say now to the judge?"

"Nothing," replied he. "In the morning we will talk the whole subject over. I must first explain myself to Andrews, and, if possible, learn his intentions. Then I shall know better what to advise."

"Did the officer you met on your return from Tempest Lodge follow you to Shelby?"

"I have not seen him."

"That is bad. He followed Oliver. It was to be expected."

"Oliver is in Canada?"

"Indeed he is."

"Which one?"

"Delia, then, extrajudicial. It's that fellow Flannigan who has brought this upon us. The wretch knows something which forbids us to hope."

"Alas, yes." And a silence followed, during which such entire stillness reigned upon the house that a shiver might be felt in each mind. Could it be that under this same roof, and only separated from them by a partition, there brooded another human being, a body which, a message which would never come, and listening, but low vainly, for the step and voice for which he longed, though they were the prelude to further shame and the signal for coming punishment.

So strong was this thought in both their minds, that the shadow deepened upon both faces, as though a presence had passed between them; and when Mr. Black rose, as he very soon did, it was with an evident dread of leaving her alone with this thought.

"They were thus sitting yet in the hall, he stood night entering on their lips, when suddenly their eyes flashed to each other in mutual question, and Deborah bent her ear toward the street.

An automobile was slowing up—stopping—stopping before the gate! Deborah turned and looked at Mr. Black. Then the bell rang. Never had it sounded so shrill and electrifying. Never had it rung quite such a summons through this desolate house. Rejoicing, she made a motion of expectancy.

"Go," she whispered. "Open! I cannot."

Quickly he obeyed. She heard him pass out and down the walk, and through the front gate. Then there came a silence, followed by the opening of the second gate. Then, a sound like another greeting, followed by quickly advancing steps and a voice she knew.

"How is my father? Is he well? I cannot enter till I know."

"It was Oliver!—came from some distant station, or from some other line which he had believed unwelcome. I'm sure as her thoughts were, she feared not to indulge in them for a moment, or give way to mirth or any other emotion. There were words to be said—words which must be uttered on the instant and with as much impetuosity as his own."

Throwing the door wide, she called down the steps:

"Yes, he is well. Come in, Mr. Ostrander, and you, too, Mr. Black. Instructions have been given me by the judge, which I must deliver at once. He expects you, Oliver," she went on, as the two men stepped in.

"He made me say to you immediately upon your entrance that much as he would like to be on hand to greet you,

he cannot see you tonight. For tonight at least, and up to a certain hour tomorrow, you are to keep your own counsel. When certain persons whose names he has given me can be gotten together in his house, he will join you, giving you your first meeting in the presence of others. Afterwards he will see you alone. If these plans distress you—if you find the delay hard, I am to say that it is even harder for him that it can be for you. But circumstances compel him to act thus, and he expects you to understand and be patient."

Young Ostrander bowed.

"I have no doubt of the facts," he assured her, with an unhesitating effort to keep his trouble out of his voice. "But as my father allows me some explanation, I shall be very glad to hear what has happened here to occasion my imperative recall."

Mr. Black glanced at Deborah, who was sleeping away. When they found themselves alone together, Oliver's manner altered.

"One moment," said he, before Mr. Black could speak. "I should like to ask you first of all, if Miss Scoville is better. When I left you both so suddenly at Tempest Lodge, she was not well."

"She is quite recovered, Mr. Ostrander."

"Voluntarily their glances met in a question which perhaps neither desired to have answered. Then Oliver remarked quite simply:

"My haste seemed warranted by my father's message. Five minutes—one minute even is of great importance when you have but fifteen in which to catch a train."

"And by such a route?"

"You know my route." A short laugh escaped him. "I feared delay—possibly the interference—but why discuss these unimportant matters? But your reason for these hasty summons—that is what I am ready now to hear."

And he sat down, but in such a way as to throw his face very much into the shadow.

This was a welcome circumstance to the lawyer. The task promised to be hard enough at the best. Black might not have offered too dark a screen to a film and the man thus suddenly called upon to face suspiciously very shadow of which is enough to destroy a life. The hardy lawyer shrunk from entering the words which would make the girl imaginatively guessing between them a real if not impossible one. Something about the young man appealed to him—something apart from his relationship to the judge—something latent in himself. Perhaps it was the misery he betrayed. Perhaps it was the memory of Reuther's faith in him and how that faith must stir within him now.

Instantaneous reflections, but each making in a mind like his. Alas, Black had never hesitated before in the face of any duty, and it robbed him of confidence. But he gave no proof of this in voice or manner, as feeling the floor in alternate approach and retreat, he finally addressed the nervous figure he could no longer ignore.

"You want to know what has happened here? If you mean truly, I shall have to explain that anything which has lately occurred to distress your father or make your presence here desirable has its birth in events which date back to days when this was your home and the bond between yourself and father the usual and natural one."

Silence in that shadowy corner! But this, the speaker had expected, and must have expected even if Oliver had shown the least intention of speaking.

"A man was killed here in the old days—perhaps not if I am too abrupt—and another man was executed for this crime. You were a boy—but you must remember."

He paused. One must breathe between the blows he inflicts, even if one is a lawyer.

"That was twelve years ago. Not so long a time as has elapsed since you met a waif of the streets and chastised him for some petty annoyance. But both events, the great and the little, have been well remembered here in Shelby; and when Mrs. Scoville came amongst us a month or so ago, with her late but substantial proofs of her husband's fidelity to the matter of Edward's death, there came to her aid a man, who not only remembered the heading he had received as a child but certain facts which led him to denounce by name the party destined to bear at this late day the onus of the crime heretofore ascribed to Scoville. That name he wrote on bridges and walls, and one day when your father left the court-house, a mob followed him, shouting loud words which I will not repeat, but which you must understand were such as must be met and answered when the man so abused is Judge Ostrander. Have I said enough? If so, raise your hand and I will desert for to-night."

But no movement took place in the shadow cast by Oliver's figure on the wall before which Mr. Black had paused, and presently a voice was heard from where he sat, saying:

"Yet are too merciful. I do not want generalities but the naked truth. What did the man shout?"

"You have asked for a fact, and that I feel free to give you. They shouted, 'Where is Oliver, your guilty son, Oliver? You saved him at a poor man's expense, but we'll have him yet.' You asked me for the words, Mr. Ostrander."

"Yes." The pause was long, but the "Yes" came at last. Then another silence, and then this peremptory demand: "But we cannot stop here, Mr."

But she found this quite impossible. Oliver would neither eat nor sleep. When the early morning light came, he was sitting there still.

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To be ushered into the parlor by Deborah, whose he found himself received not by the judge in whose name he had been invited, but by Mr. Black, the lawyer, who tendered him a simple good morning and pointed out a chair.

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direction he had avoided from the first, but his voice had a different note as he remarked:

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A slight lift of the head, visible now in the shadow, and with a silent bow he left the room.

In the passage-way he met Deborah. "Leave him to himself," said he. "Later, perhaps, you can do something for him."

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swept through the room of "Don't!" and the map they had barely noticed, dashed by them all, and fell at the judge's feet with a smothered repetition of his appeal: "Don't, I say, don't!"

Then, each man knew why he had been summoned there, and knowing gazed earnestly at these two faces. Twelve years of unexpressed longing, of another love, rising above doubts, persisting in spite of doubts, were concentrated into that one instant of mutual recognition. The eyes of the father was upon that of the son and that of the son upon that of the father and for them, at least in this first instant of reunion, the years were forgotten and sin, sorrow and on-coming doom, faded from their mutual consciousness.

Then the tide of life flowed back into the present, and the judge, motioning to his son to rise, observed very distinctly:

"Don't is an ambiguous word, my son,

RAILROADS HARD HIT BY BUSINESS DEPRESSION IN '14

Rate Decision Is the One
Bright Spot in Other-
wise Bad Year.

EXPECT STEADY IMPROVEMENT

Recovery May be Slow, but 1915 Pro-
mises Better Things Than Year
Just Closed; Baltimore & Ohio Is
Planning to Reopen Its Big Shops.

When 1914 is written into history as the year of the "dollar," it will take its place in the record of commerce as a period which witnessed an unprecedented decline in trade the world over. Following the outbreak of war in Europe and the consequent suspension of international business, there came a depression so complete as to necessitate a readjustment of the economic status of all nations so general as to be felt immediately in all branches of industry. In such economic readjustment, each nation being called upon to participate in the burden imposed, but to what extent remains to be determined by the duration of the war and the nature of the economic relations between the United States and the countries of Europe, our financial and industrial affairs were affected seriously by the war and the attendant interruption of business. Financial relations were disturbed by the suspension of business in the money centers of Europe, combined with which imports and exports were practically discontinued for a long period and have only recently resumed under limitations. Markets were closed to the products of American manufacturers while the importation of articles made in foreign factories as well as raw materials was largely shut off.

As a result of the war in Europe the products of American industry are unable to reach the markets abroad, due partly to a lack of ocean transportation since many of the present vessels being flying flags were commandeered for naval transportation. Therefore it has been difficult to find an outlet for commodities other than foodstuffs. American grain has been shipped to Europe in large volumes, but even after shipments have been below normal owing to the lack of shipping facilities.

Inadequate shipping facilities have reduced the activity of American industry to such an extent that many factories have been forced to close down while others have been operated on reduced schedules. This situation has depressed the labor market and restricted itself in various ways in an economy of trade.

Where the greatest state of trade has been a falling away has been in the railroads, whose earnings fell off heavily with the interruption of foreign trade. In the face of the falling off in traffic, the carriers experienced higher rates of operation at low rates for services performed, until the increasing margin of profit in the railroads and other transportation companies, which had been the cause of the situation, the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to advance freight rates approximately 5 percent. In a decision made public Jan. 28, an advance in certain rates was granted to the group of roads operating between Pittsburgh and the Mississippi river. The increase in revenue thus allowed was so small that it was not sufficient to meet the increased cost of operation. To relieve the situation, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the case reopened for reconsideration. The new order was made by the regulating agency of the government whereby the advance was extended to the eastern roads, with the exception of certain bulk carriers. Freight rates on certain commodities increased in 1914 will amount to between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 a year.

The result of the increase granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission has in added two centimes in railroad charges, and while those who represented the carriers in the movement felt that the award was not all that should have been allowed, its ultimate effect will be to establish a better and closer working relation between the carriers and regular line haulers.

Railroad officials, while viewing the outlook with hopefulness, point out that considerable time will be required to adjust their problems to the new order of things resulting out of the rate advance and the enforced economies which preceded it and that the indifference of the public should be extended while the restoration of things to normal is under way.

Railroad managers in close touch with the business situation and its outlook, expect an improvement early in the new year. This is evidenced by advance orders placed for new iron and with the assumption of the iron industry there will be an increased demand for surplus labor and a revival of allied industries. Coal and coke will be in greater demand which will return the miners and cement to steady employment and cause a resumption of shipping to mesh with when the shipping season begins.

It is both well known and not so generally known that the iron and steel industry in Pennsylvania has been hard hit by the depression. This problem can be solved by broadening the scope of industrial and agricultural activity.

Looking back over the business situation of 1914 as reflected in the railroads, the Baltimore & Ohio may be regarded as typical. In fact it was so considered by the Interstate Commerce Commission in dealing with the question of advanced rates.

During 1914 the Baltimore & Ohio management deferred to a large extent the consideration of plans involving the future improvement of its growing business. While attention

centered with the taking care of the present, the Baltimore & Ohio in the face of its difficulties, turned to consider a program of betterments begun five years ago when Daniel Willard became president of the road. The program involved an expenditure of approximately \$10,000,000 for betterments providing a three-track and four-track system over the Allegheny mountains on two main lines; reducing grades, removing curves, adding new cars and engines to the equipment and providing additional terminals and new station buildings. The program of the Baltimore & Ohio, which is the most extensive ever undertaken by a railroad in one budget, was brought to a close on December 2, when the Maryland cut-off, a double track line in the four-track system was opened between Baltimore and Pikesville Road, W. Va., a distance of 12 miles. The new cut-off shortened the distance between the two points nearly 34 miles while at the same time it eliminated such curves and did away with a summit which required extra engines. The Maryland cut-off was 1,000,000 or 2,000,000 a mile which was an annual railroad construction record.

While the program of Baltimore & Ohio improvements was being completed, the updating of equipment of the company continued without interruption. During 1914 there were purchased 20 freight locomotives, known as the centipede type, in addition to which 1,000 box cars were rebuilt and equipped with steel underframes and cupolas. Thus, the road added an additional 1,200 pieces of equipment to its fleet.

Toward the close of the year it became necessary to reduce the working force as the repair work increased and the necessity of reducing expenses in line with a decline in revenue became imperative, but it has been announced that the Mount Airy shops at Baltimore, employing 2,000 men, and working will be opened soon after January 1, 1915.

QUARANTINE LIFTED IN SOME PARTS OF STATE

State Board's Ban Still Remains, However, on Large "Foot and Mouth" Area.

A new quarantine order relating to the foot and mouth disease in livestock, superseding the one of December 2, has been issued by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board at Harrisburg. The new order releases considerable territory from quarantine but the board's ban still remains on a large section of the state's area, although the restrictions as to public access to live stock have been modified. Among the sections still under quarantine are the following in the western part of Pennsylvania: Armstrong, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Chester, Clearfield, Columbia, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Warren, and Westmoreland counties. The order, of course, includes all cities and boroughs in the area named. A general quarantine is established by the order throughout all the territory of Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh and York.

The order declares that no cattle, sheep, other mammals or swine shall be moved from any part of the territory to which the quarantine order applies except upon permission in writing from an agent of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board. Public sale or exhibition of live stock mentioned above are forbidden except by the same agent of the board. Live stock must not be transported in any manner unless a similar permit has been obtained. Collection of carcasses within the area named is prohibited, nor may hides or hoofs be taken from the quarantined sections. No cattle from points outside of Pennsylvania will be permitted to enter the state except for immediate slaughter. The new order says permits may be issued for the removal of cattle, sheep or swine into or within the quarantined area when the owner states in writing that the animals to be moved are free from the foot and mouth disease and are for immediate slaughter; when the animals to be moved are for purposes other than immediate slaughter and a certificate is obtained from a competent veterinarian, who shall have examined the live stock within 24 hours of its proposed shipment or movement.

Directly the same rule is laid down for the movement of cattle, sheep or swine to points outside the quarantined area. Public sale of cattle, sheep or swine may be held within the quarantined area upon permit from the state veterinarian and after careful examination of the live stock to be sold by a competent veterinarian.

Permits for the removal of hay, straw or fodder may be issued under the same restrictions as those above stated. Care and for the transportation of uninfected live stock from within the quarantined area must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected both before and after the shipment.

The quarantine order will stand until officially revoked by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and violation of it will be prosecuted under the act of July 22, 1913.

WEST VIRGINIA COAL TRADE FOR 1914 DECLARED "MIXED"

United States Geological Survey
Points to Unusual Conditions
in Producing There.

The conditions in the coal-mining industry of West Virginia during 1914, in the opinion of E. W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey, have best be expressed as "mixed." The effect of the business depression was of course seriously felt, but the production for the year will not show any material decrease from 1913. The report of the State Department of Mines for the fiscal year ended June 30, showed an increase of nearly 15,000,000 tons over the preceding year, but this included six months of 1914 times in 1913 and three months more in 1914. The business downturn in April 1, 1914, was in striking contrast to that of the first three months

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of the year. Production in some of the older districts, as the Pottsville, New River, and Edinburg, was materially reduced, but this was partly made up by the output of a number of new mines opened along Coal, Guyandotte, and the Sandy Rivers, from which some coal was shipped west to make up the shortage caused by the long strike in the eastern districts of Ohio. Labor troubles were responsible for a reduction of output in the Kanawha district.

The production of coke in West Virginia in 1914 is estimated at not much more than 55 percent of that of 1913, but a part of the decrease in coke production in the state is attributed to the increased use of by-product coke, none of which is made at the mines. The coke in other states, however, was largely supplied by West Virginia coal.

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\$5.00 Suits in The Clearance.....	\$3.85
\$8.00 Suits in The Clearance.....	\$4.00
\$8.50 Suit in The Clearance.....	\$6.25
\$10.00 Suits in The Clearance.....	\$7.50
\$12.00 Suits in The Clearance.....	\$9.00
\$13.50 Suits in The Clearance.....	\$9.75
\$15.00 Suits in The Clearance.....	\$10.75

Boys' best overcoats: \$15. grade \$10; \$10 and \$12 grades, 7.50; 7.50 grade, \$5; \$5 grade, 3.75.